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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 1.312**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following amendment to add a paragraph regarding priority. This priority information was specified in the declaration submitted in connection with the application; however it was not included in the specification as originally filed. It is believed that this amendment is a) needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and b) and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

Please amend the specification to insert on page 1, below the title and above the Background of the Invention, to insert a replacement heading and paragraph as follows:

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### Cross Reference to Related Applications

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Priority is hereby claimed to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/088,374, filed June 8, 1998 entitled LOW COST OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/098,932, filed September 3, 1998 entitled LOW COST OPTICAL FIBER COMPONENTS.

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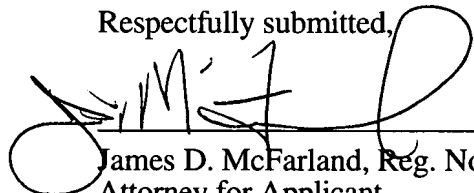
No text is being deleted or changed, and therefore a marked-up version is not required under 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(iii).

To facilitate review, attached is a copy of the declaration as originally filed in this application. Also attached are the official filing receipts of the two priority provisional patent applications, evidencing at least one inventor in common.

Entry of this amendment into the above-captioned application is requested without withdrawal from issue, and if the Examiner has any questions that can be answered or addressed with a telephone call, please call the undersigned. In the event any fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0948. If an extension of time is required, then Applicant requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 31, 2001

  
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